

State Board of Education
April 14, 2009
Item K-2

Team: Commissioner's Office

Item: Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the attached *Policy Not To Endorse External Work Product*?

Recommended Action: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the attached *Policy Not To Endorse External Work Product*?

Background Information:

Following discussions at its February 17th and March 17th meetings, the Board presents a draft policy that would address the topic of the Board's endorsement and/or support of surveys from outside entities.

Purpose of Discussion: Approve the policy as drafted:

VERMONT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY NOT TO ENDORSE EXTERNAL WORK PRODUCT

The Vermont State Board of Education (SBE) is periodically asked to endorse, support, sponsor or approve the work of other organizations or individuals. Because the SBE is appointed for the purpose of developing education-related policy for the State of Vermont, it is the policy and position of the SBE that, within its areas of jurisdiction and responsibility, it shall develop its own policies and positions after appropriate study of all of the relevant issues and information. As such, although the SBE often considers and weighs the work of other organizations and individuals, it does not generally endorse, support, sponsor or approve the work of other organizations or individuals.

This policy applies to all work of other organizations or individuals, regardless of format, and includes, but is not limited to, surveys, studies, data collections, analyses, reports, findings, conclusions, and other expressions of opinion.

The SBE works within the framework and dictates of the Vermont and United States Constitutions, Vermont and United States statutes, and Vermont and United States administrative regulations.

Cost Implications: N/A

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